

Prehistoric Spirituality

In today's world, most people are arguably atheist or agnostic. This is so because of the hard sciences and the social sciences, especially psychology and sociology.

But what about long ago? Prehistoric and preliterate man had no science, so leaders used storytelling and symbolic ritual to inculcate 'truths' about the spiritual dimension of the world and of life. Did these tribal leaders really believe in what they were teaching? Did their followers?

What is the likelihood that some prehistoric people disbelieved or at least doubted the existence of a spirit world? Was there something about the prehistoric psyche, given the physical and social environment in which it lived, that made atheism or agnosticism difficult, if not impossible?

We have science. They had oral tradition, symbol, and ritual. Are we closer today to real truth?

